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Subject: Why did Microsoft get better treatment than IBM

Dear Attorney General Ashcroft

As a citizen that does not use Microsoft or IBM products. (I make my own computers and use Linux) I fail to understand why the Department of Justice failed to give equal treatment to Microsoft as it once did to IBM. We do business with the U.S. Government . They require us to submit our proposals and bids in Microsoft Word format. I now understand why your regulations are the way they are and it is wrong. Why can not the U.S.Government be fair to all companies in this country.

We citizens get the impression that there may be some in the U.S. Government that find the latest settlement beneficial and I wonder if that may be financially and or politically so. I find myself gravely concerned, as to if the Department of Justice represents this nation and its citizens or just the powerful corporations. It certainly looks from my point of view that the Department of Justice is in league with Microsoft. If that is the case you have performed a great disservice to the whole of the citizenry of this nation.

If your thinking is correct in your decision we can expect to find in the future one car company, one cookie company, one computer company, one grocery store company, one military contractor, one lumber company and one software company.

Your decision was not a fair and just decision for this country period. Microsoft is not a company that I would like to see providing all the software for this nation. Half maybe at best but not the current dominance that it was handed to you your department.

I do support your efforts in the war on terrorism and personally think other than this Microsoft decision you are doing a fine job. Please fix this problem before Microsoft controls every computer in this country.

Sincerely

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